

**MINUTES OF THE
BI-STATE REGIONAL TRAIL COMMITTEE**

Thursday, September 25, 2014 – 10:00 a.m.
Scott County Administration Center
6th Floor Room
600 West 4th Street
Davenport, Iowa

1. Welcome/Introductions. – Mr. Grimes opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance and asked for introductions. (See attached attendance sheet.)
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from July 24, 2014 – Without objection, the minutes from the July 24, 2014 meeting were approved as written.
3. Trail Related Activities/Issues/Events
 - a) Trail signage throughout the Quad Cities trail system was discussed. New sections of trail tend to have more regulatory signage than older sections.
 - b) Mr. Schmid provided an overview of the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). Municipalities and counties in the metropolitan area are eligible to apply for funds for various alternative transportation projects, including bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. This round of programming received three applications from Iowa units of government and three applications from cities in Illinois after MetroLink withdrew their application. Applications were received from Buffalo, Davenport, Port Byron, Silvis, and Moline. All six applications were funded through FY 2018, totally \$2,475,412.
4. Committee Member Reports

Bettendorf–

The City of Bettendorf is working with its Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Commission to come up with a job description for the new bicycle and pedestrian coordinator. The city has started a discussion on a dedicated regional position that would focus on bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, education, and promotion.

Quad Cities Bicycle Club–

The club hosted a meeting to receive input and direction on the new edition of the Quad Cities Metro Area Bike Map. The new edition of the map is being sponsored by the League of Illinois Bicyclists and will offer a full color display. The aim is to have the maps finished, printed, and ready to hand out by the beginning of April. Any input on the new design of the map should be submitted by December.

QCCVB–

There will be a meeting in Washington, D.C. in October to discuss the future of the American Discovery Trail's designation as a national trail. It has been noted on the federal level that trails need to show capacity, competency, and levels of public support before Congress debates designating new national trails. In September 2015, MUDD Runner will

be hosting the Hennepin Hundred, a 100-mile team relay and 50- and 100-mile solo races on the Hennepin Canal Trail.

Rock Island–

There is some interest to partner with Activate Rock Island in an annual event similar to Chicago's Bike the Drive, where a segment of roadway is closed off to vehicular traffic for a morning to allow bicyclists to ride freely through town. The possibility exists to have the event throughout the Quad Cities, not only in Rock Island. The city is anticipating utilizing the trail counters offered by Bi-State Regional Commission on a quarterly basis. The data will be shared with Trails for Illinois to use in their trail promotion efforts.

5. Other Business

There was no other business.

6. Adjournment. – The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

**MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD
MEMBERS, GUESTS & STAFF**

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trails Committee

Date: September 25, 2014 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:00 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No __

Place of Meeting: Scott County Administrative Center

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Steve Grimes	City of Bettendorf	
2. Brandy Howe	City of Rock Island	
3. Dean Mathias	Quad City Bicycle Club	
4. Donnie Miller	Bicycle Safety	
5. Bruce Perry	League of Illinois Bicyclists	
6. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
7. Joe Taylor	Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau	
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